

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 18, 1848.

Read, and ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

Mr. BAGBY submitted for consideration the following

RESOLUTIONS:

*Resolved*, That the constitution of the United States is a compact between co-equal sovereigns, by which they, and each of them, delegate certain specified powers to form a general government for the common benefit of all the parties to said compact, and such as might become parties to it.

*Resolved*, That the powers not thus delegated by the parties to said compact to the general government, nor any department thereof, remain with the States, respectively, or with the people.

*Resolved*, That the government of the United States possesses no powers except such as are expressly granted to it by the constitution, or such as are necessary and proper to carry the granted powers into effect.

*Resolved*, That the power to construct roads, cut canals, make harbors, or improve the navigation of rivers in any one or more of the States or Territories of this Union, is not among the powers expressly granted to the general government by the constitution, nor is the exercise of such a power necessary and proper to carry any of the granted powers into effect.

*Resolved*, That the power to build piers and docks, erect buoys and light-houses, and improve the harbors on the lakes, if it exists at all, is not derived from the power to regulate commerce, but from the power to provide and maintain a navy.

*Resolved*, That the government of the United States does not possess the power to create, originate, ordain, establish, or carry on commerce between or among the States of the Union, but only to regulate such commerce as the States or the people thereof may create, originate, ordain, establish, and carry on between or among themselves.

*Resolved*, That any attempt by the general government, under any pretext whatsoever, to construct roads, cut canals, or improve the navigation of any river within the limits of any one or more of the States of the Union, or within any Territory, is a palpable violation of the constitution; and if it be within the limits of a State or States, is a direct and dangerous encroachment on the rights and sovereignty thereof.

